



**February 25, 2004**

**Massachusetts man charged with possessing  
\$10,000 in counterfeit ten dollar bills**

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**Rasheem Miles allegedly tried to pass three bills at a Providence strip club**

**Rasheem Miles**, of Dorchester, Massachusetts, is charged with possessing \$10,020 in counterfeit ten dollar bills and with trying to pass three of them at a strip club in Providence. Originally charged by Providence Police on a state counterfeiting charge, Miles has now been charged in a federal complaint with passing and possessing counterfeit U.S. securities.

The Office of the United States Attorney, Thomas M. Powers, Resident Agent in Charge of the Providence office of the United States Secret Service, and Colonel Dean Esserman, Chief of the Providence Police Department, jointly announced the complaint, which was filed on February 23 in U.S. District Court, Providence.

According to an affidavit supporting the complaint, on December 26 Providence Police were called to a bar in Franklin Square. Employees of the club told police officers that a man, later identified as Miles, had given a bartender three apparently fake ten dollar bills and had asked for a drink and 20, one dollar bills in exchange.

Police officers searched a Mercedes SUV in which Miles had arrived at the club and allegedly found a large stack of ten dollars bills in an open cell-phone box. The bills amounted to \$10,200 and all appeared to match the three counterfeit bills that Miles had allegedly passed at the bar. Providence Police arrested Miles and notified the U.S. Secret Service.

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Miles, 20, of 380 Talbot Avenue, Apt. 203, Dorchester, surrendered to the Secret Service on February 23 and appeared before Magistrate Judge Robert W. Lovegreen, who ordered him detained pending a bail hearing scheduled for Friday, February 27.

A complaint is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. The charge against Miles is a felony and is therefore subject to review by a grand jury.

**Providence Police** and the **U.S. Secret Service** are investigating the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Lee H. Vilker is prosecuting it.

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